

Strategic Weapons in the 21st Century



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- Understand core disagreements at level of broad U.S strategic goals and nuclear policy
- Then proceed to examine how these divergences shape finer-grained differences



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- What role should nuclear weapons play in the coming decades?
- How do U.S. nuclear weapons policy, posture, and program decisions affect other important foreign policy objectives?
- Highlight divergences (and convergences) over important aspects of these questions



Seven Important Divergences

- Nuclear weapons and dissuasion
- Role and nature of deterrence
- Value of arms control agreements
- Nuclear proliferation
- Advisability of goal of a world without nuclear weapons
- Nuclear power and nuclear weapons
- Nuclear terrorism
- *Opportunities for research*